

REMARKS

Applicants' attorney is pleased to note that the Office Action mailed July 13, 2005 indicates that Claims 26-28 contain allowable subject matter. By the foregoing amendments, Claim 26 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the features recited in its base claim (i.e., independent Claim 25), while Claim 27 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the features recited in its base claim (i.e., independent Claim 25). Claim 28 has also been rewritten in independent form to include all of the features recited in its base claim (i.e., independent Claim 25). In the foregoing circumstances, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent Claims 26, 27, and 28 are in condition for allowance.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-4, 6-17, 23, and 24 as being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by U.S. Patent No. 6,333,029 to Vyakarnam et al. Claims 1-4 and 6-25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,084,051 to Tormälä et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,847,012 to Shalaby et al. or U.S. Patent No. 5,948,829 to Wallajapet et al. These rejections have been obviated by the cancellation herein of Claims 1-4 and 6-25.

U.S. Patent No. 6,376,573 to White et al. has not been cited against the pending claims. Applicants' attorney is in agreement with the Examiner concerning the relevance of the White reference to the pending claims.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants' attorney respectfully requests reexamination and allowance of pending Claims 26-28. If such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is cordially invited to place a telephone call to applicants' attorney in order that any outstanding issue may be resolved without the issuance of a further Office Action.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with the submission of this Amendment. If there are any fees due as a result of this Amendment, including extension and petition fees, the Examiner is authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 503571.

Respectfully Submitted,

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